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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER LONG BORET ON HIS VISIT
TO INDONESIA

1. LONG BORET COMMENTED TO ME YESTERDAY AS FOLLOWS ON
HIS AUGUST 3-5 VISIT TO INDONESIA. IN GENERAL, HIS
ACCOUNT SQUARES WITH THAT ALREADY REPORTED BY EMBASSY
JAKARTA.

2. BORET REPORTED HE HAD UNUSUALLY LONG AND DETAILED
CONVERSATIONS WITH ADAM MALIK, WHOM HE HAD FOUND
CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA BUT UNALTERED
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IN THIS SYMPATHY FOR THE GKR. MALIK HAD UNDERSCORED

THE POINT THAT THE MILITARY PERFORMANCE OF THE FANK AND WHAT HAPPENS ON THE GROUND AROUND PHNOM PENH ARE NOW CRITICAL TO GKR SURVIVAL, WITH OTHER ISSUES STRICTLY SECONDARY. BORET SAID HE HAD REVIEWED FOR MALIK THE STEPS THE USG IS TAKING TO ACCELERATE DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ARMS, AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO PHNOM PEMH BEFORE AUGUST 15 AND HAD EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BETTER EMPLOYMENT OF FANK ARTILLERY AND AVIATION COULD HELP COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF US COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD MALIK THE GKR COULD HOLD FOR AT LEAST A TIME.

3. MALIK PROMISED INDONESIA'S DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE GKR AT THE ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND THE UNGA AND CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL HIMSELF HEAD THE INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS TO BOTH MEETINGS. MALIK OBSERVED THAT THE GKR SHOULD PAY LITTLE HEED TO SIHANOUK'S POTENTIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND COMMENTED THAT THE UNGA IS THE CRITICAL AND IMPORANT FORUM. HE PARTICULARLY SUGGESTED CLOSE COLLABORATION IN NEW YORK WITH BORET, WHO WILL HEAD THE GKR DELEGATION.

4. CONCERNING A CEASE-FIRE AND TALKS AMONG KHMER FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, MALIK STATED THAT INDONESIA HAS MADE AND WILL AGAIN MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE DRV. HE IMPLIED THAT THUS FAR NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THOSE CHANNELS. AS FOR PEKING AND SIHANOUK, MALIK SUGGESTED THE GKR RELY ON USG CONTACTS. MALIK COMMENTED THAT THE CESSATION OF US BOMBING IN CAMBODIA COULD FACILITATE EFFORTS TO GET TALKS UNDER WAY AND EXPRESSED SOME CONFIDENCE THAT IT WOULD IN FACT HAVE JUST SUCH AN IMPACT.

5. AT LON NOL'S INSTRUCTIONS BORET RAISED PRIVATELY WITH MALIK THE ISSUE OF GKR MEMBERSHIP IN ASEAN. MALIK HAD COUNSELED AGAINST PRESSING THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME SINCE THE CHANCES FOR GKR ADMISSION ARE SO SLIM. BORET REMARKED THAT ON HIS RETURN TO PHNOM PEMH HAD PASSED THIS ADVICE TO LON NOL, WHO ACQUIESCED IN IT.

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6. I ASKED LONG BORET WHETHER IN THIS MEETING WITH LON NOL THE LATTER HAD ALSO RASIED WITH HIM, AS HE HAD WITH ME AUGUST 8, THE POSSIBILITY OF A GKR COMPLAINT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OVER THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN CAMBODIA. BORET STATED THAT LON NOL HAD ASKED HIM TO REFLECT ON THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS COURSE OF ACTION AND THAT HE HAD DONE SO, CONCLUDING

THAT THE HISTORICAL SOVIET AND DRV OPPOSITION TO UN ACTION ON INDO-CHINA QUESTIONS, COUPLED WITH THE LIKELY ANTI-GKR BIAS OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL, MADE THE MOVE IMPRACTICAL. I SAID THAT I AGREED PERSONALLY WITH THIS ASSESSMENT BUT IN VIEW OF THE MARSHAL'S INTEREST WOULD ASK WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK'S ADVICE. ACTION REQUESTED. YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT LON NOL'S SUGGESTION IS A NON-STARTER.

7. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT TO INDONESIA PRODUCED NO SURPRISES OR BREAK-THROUGHS, I THINK BORET MADE GOOD USE OF IT TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE THE GKR ATTRIBUTES TO INDONESIA'S SUPPORT. ALSO, HE STRENGTHENED HIS PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH MALIK, WHICH COULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF A FIGHT DEVELOPS OVER CAMBODIA'S REPRESENTATION IN THE NEXT UNGA.
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